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SUBJECT: SECURITY ASSISTANCE OBJECTIVES AND GUIDELINES FY 1975-1979

REF: A. STATE 24348; B. STATE 33170

1. REF A, SENT INFO TO ARA POSTS, CALLS FOR OVERALL ASSESSMENTS BY CHIEFS OF MISSION NO LATER THAN JUNE 15, 1973 OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE PLANNED FOR HOST COUNTRIES IN FY 74 AND RECOMMENDED FOR FY 75-79. LAST PARA IMPLIES INFO ADDRESSEES' ROLE IS CONFINED TO PROGRAM OBJECTIVES MEMORANDUM (POM). REF B, HOWEVER, SEEMS AMBIGUOUS ABOUT TASKING OTHER THAN POM. MILGP IN CONSULTATION WITH AMBASSADOR IS COMPLETING POM, WHICH WILL REFLECT EMBASSY CONSENSUS DERIVED FROM GUIDELINES FOR PLANNING PERIOD. ACCORDINGLY EMBASSY ASSUMES NO OTHER LONG- RANGE ASSESSMENT IS NECESSARY. IN CASE OF VENEZUELA, RECEIVING LESS THAN \$1 MILLION IN MAP (TRAINING) AND TIED TO OUR SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM MOSTLY FOR FMS CASH OR CREDIT SALES, TYPE OF ASSESSMENT RELEVANT TO ACTION ADDRESSEES REF A IS NOT WARRANTED HERE.

2. EMBASSY'S ONLY OTHER COMMENT IS THAT WE ASSUME GUIDANCE CONTAINED PARA 7 H REF B REGARDING VENEZUELAN ARMED FORCES PARTICIPATION IN CODESUR REFERS SOLELY TO C-130 AND OTHER LOGISTIC SUPPORT. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE CODESUR IS A CIVILIAN VENEZUELAN PROGRAM IN WHICH GOV WISHES TO KEEP PARTICIPATION

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OF ITS MILITARY TO MINIMUM. WE SHOULD NOT SUPPORT A GOAL
CONTRARY TO THAT OF GOV.

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